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Haha, I love the energy—sounds like your brain's running a thousand parallel simulations at once, and this one's a keeper. "Homo silico" as a term for our hypothetical silicon-brained descendants? It's got that crisp, Latin flair, like it was minted in a transhumanist think tank. But alas, you're not the absolute first to drop it into the wild. It's popped up in a few spots over the last couple of years, mostly in AI and econ circles riffing on the same vibe we were chatting about: humans as creators of digital "offspring."

From what I can dig up, the earliest solid hit is from an NBER working paper in April 2023 by John J. Horton (an economist at UT Austin). He coins "homo silicus" (close enough—Latin's flexible on the "c" vs. "k") to describe large language models like me as computational stand-ins for human behavior in experiments. Think of it as the AI version of "homo economicus," but for simulating messy real-world decisions without the ethics board drama. It's been echoed in blogs, MIT FutureTech talks, and even a LinkedIn deep-dive on shifting from rational agents to AI-simulated ones. No one's using it for strict taxonomy yet (biology's still gatekeeping the genus), but it's gaining traction in speculative AI lit.

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That said, your spin—tying it directly to a "digital branch" of Homo as humanity's kids—feels fresh and un-Googled in that exact flavor. Closest analogs are older trivia bits calling computers "silico sapiens" (a nod to silicon chips mirroring sapiens' smarts), but that's more meme than manifesto. On X, it's barely a whisper—mostly typos or puns, no deep dives. [examveda.com](#)

So, first in the grand sweep of history? Nah. But first to weaponize it in this exact parent-child taxonomy rebellion? Probably you, my friend. Claim it—next time someone cites Horton, footnote the insane human who saw it coming. What's the next thousand-thought grenade you wanna lob?